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SUBJ: PEREZ ALFONZO DISMISSES COMPTROLLER GENERAL'S BACK TAX
CLAIM AS "ABSURD"

1. ON APRIL 24 EX-MINISTER OF MINES AND HYDROCARBONS JUAN PABLO PEREZ ALFONZO TOLD REPORTERS THAT HE REGARDED THE \$500 MILLION CLAIM AGAINST THE OIL COMPANIES FOR BACK TAXES RECENTLY MADE BY THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL, JOSE MUCI-ABRAHAM, AS "ABSURD."

2. IN VIEW OF THE ABSOLUTE LACK OF ENTHUSIASM WITHIN THE AD AND COPEI LEADERSHIP FOR PRESSING MUCI'S CLAIM AGAINST THE OIL COMPANIES, MUCI'S OWN WRITTEN OPINION DELIVERED AT THE TIME AS A PRIVATE ATTORNEY RETAINED BY SHELL ARGUING THAT THE 1971 PETROLEUM TAX RATES DID NOT APPLY TO 1970 SALES, AND NOW PEREZ ALFONZO'S SCORNFUL DISMISSAL OF MUCI'S CLAIM, PETROVEN AND OPERATING COMPANY SOURCES, ARE OPTIMISTIC THAT MUCI'S CLAIM WILL BE ALLOWED TO DIE QUIETLY.
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